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Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly" was included in the draft agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly at the request of Australia.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 16th meetings, on 19 and 26 October 2015. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/70/SR.11 and 16).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 6 August 2015 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/192).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.8

5. At the 11th meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Australia, on behalf of Australia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/70/L.8). Subsequently, Mauritius, Seychelles and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 16th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.8 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Indian Ocean Rim Association,

1. *Decides* to invite the Indian Ocean Rim Association to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.